

SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph in the specification starting at page 3, line 12 and ending at page 3, last line, (page 3, lines 19-20 being specifically amended) as follows:

Another method that can temporarily provide a greater than equilibrium drug concentration is to include a solubilizing agent in the drug form. Such solubilizing agents promote the aqueous solubility of the drug. An example of the use of a solubilizing agent with a drug to increase aqueous solubility is the use of solubilizing agents with sertraline. As disclosed in commonly assigned PCT Application No. 99/01120, ~~new U.S. Patent No. _____~~, when sertraline is codissolved in aqueous solution with a solubilizing agent, for example, citric acid, the solubility of sertraline is dramatically increased. As mentioned above, when sertraline HCl is dosed along with citric acid to a chloride-containing buffer solution or the GI tract, the maximum sertraline concentration achieved can exceed the solubility of sertraline HCl. This concentration enhancement is thought to be partly due to a locally lower pH in the use environment due to the presence of the citric acid and partly due to the presence of citrate counter ions, as sertraline citrate is more soluble than sertraline chloride. However, the enhanced concentration is typically short-lived as sertraline quickly converts to a low-solubility form which could be, depending on the use environment, the solid crystalline or amorphous HCl salt and/or crystalline or amorphous free base.